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1. Members of the SED and trusted non-members at VEB Gaselan in East Berlin are being organized into para-military groups, called "Hundertschaften." These groups are being trained in the use of carbines and rifles. The plans for such activities are discussed at secret party meetings at the plant.
2. The goal of this training is to prepare these groups by 1 May so that they may stand in front of the plant on that day to show the West that East German workers are prepared to defend the accomplishments of East Germany.
3. At Gaselan drills are held every Saturday and are under the command of lost (fnu).

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that similar measures are being taken in other East German plants.

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every effort to shoot well and that the targets to be shot at would become apparent later.

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- [REDACTED] Comment. The organization of para-military groups in East German plants has been evident elsewhere.

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